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EXTEND BUDAPEST SUBWAY SYSTEM

According to present plans, the old Budapest subway, originally built to serve the area of Stalin Boulevard only, is to be connected with the subway system now under construction, which will run along Kerepesi Street from the People's Stadium to Vermezo in Buda.

The old line is being extended at both ends. The extended line will run beyond its present terminal at Vorosmarty Place as far as Molotov Place and will connect with the No 2 express which will run along the Danube. Connections to both Csepel and Ujpest will be available, since the No 2 line will eventually be extended northward.

The Varosliget terminal of the old subway will cease to be the end of the line, since it is planned to extend the line toward either Zuglo or Rakospalota. Extension to Rakospalota would make the underground route about 3 kilometers longer and available to several new residential areas.

To accommodate the larger cars necessary for the resultant increase in traffic, the entire roadbed of the old subway will have to be made deeper and wider. Due regard to this requirement is being given in the current continuation of the 120-meter-long section between Bajcsy-Zsilinszky and Deak Ferenc streets, which is designed to cut off some of the sharp curves between the Stalin Boulevard and Vorosmarty Place stations.

A new and deeper underground station is also being built on Deak Place. It will serve both the old cars and the new express trains. In this station the upper level will be connected with the lower level, at which the new express will run, by an escalator.

Reconstruction of the old subway will probably require about 1½ years, during which period the old subway will be closed.

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